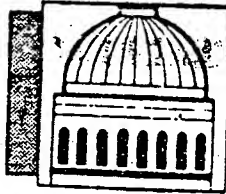


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Pat hand in the spy game

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Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D-N.Y.), who just retired as vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, got a taste of the cloak-and-dagger business long before his duty on the spy panel. He helped U.S. intelligence hook up with Arkady Shevchenko, a top Soviet diplomat who spied for America for almost three years before coming in from the cold.

As Moynihan tells the story, on Dec. 4, 1975, Shevchenko, who was the under-

secretary general of the United Nations,

approached an American working on the staff of the UN Secretariat and said he wanted to defect. The



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American working at the U.S. Mission and he told Moynihan, who was then U.S. ambassador to the UN.

"My first response was, 'Huh? This must be a trap,'" said Moynihan. "But then it became clear that the Russians would not offer Shevchenko as bait. It was something you could not ignore. I put our (intelligence operatives) on to him. They ran a great operation. He (Shevchenko) never knew that I knew what he was doing for us, but I would keep track of its progress in some rather strange meetings in Madison Square Garden and Little Italy and places like that..."

"The other part of this story... is that we do not have agents on the UN Secretariat—we keep our word. The Soviets do it all the time, and the infuriating thing is that we pay for them. They get paid by the UN, with our money, then they take their checks back to the Mission and turn them in to get Soviet checks."